

It is the general policy of OPNAV N465 that solicitations issued as a part of an A-76 cost comparison will include provisions that allow the private sector offerors access to the same information that the in house (MEO) team has to develop their offer. This policy is basic to ensuring a fair competition.

The key area of concern is that all offerors work from the same historical workload data. This information includes historical quantity, timeliness standards, and quality standards fully describing the work that has been done. The historical workload data will be accompanied by explanations of significant changes and variances. The historical databases will be available to both the private sector and the government management team. This workload data may include a level of detail greater than the required Performance Standards cited in the PWS. This information includes, but is not limited to, numbers of actions required by the PWS that were performed, the number and qualifications of the people who performed them and the time required to perform these actions. The historical database(s) and any data developed during the course of PWS development should all be available to both the private sector and the MEO team.

Innovations, any process reengineering or other efficiencies developed that allow the MEO to function with fewer resources than the existing organization, and any information that would be protected from public disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, will not be shared with the private sector through the solicitation.

During Independent Review, the MEO should be able to document their ability to perform the work in the PWS using only that data available to all offerors and their Management Plan. The MEO should not require additional records that justify workload that are not available to the other offerors.

This policy is effective immediately upon issue of this advisory for all solicitations related to A-76 cost comparisons. For those solicitations that have already been issued, any additional information will be released as soon as possible.

This advisory is released in draft format to minimize the need for changes to solicitations that have already been issued.